SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 17 of the application with the following:

- - Each cap 24 in the illustrated embodiment is unitary with a generally spherical outer surface. The caps 24 may each be generally hemispherical in shape (see, e.g., Figure 3a) but preferably are only partially spherical (i.e., a spherical "cap," which is the region of a sphere lying above or below a given plane; sometimes also called a spherical "segment"). Regardless of the precise form used, the generally spherical, hemispherical, or partially spherical cap 24 unlike a roller or recessed spherical ball includes a large, fully exposed outer surface area for engaging the articles positioned on the chain 10. In contrast to a barrel-shaped roller, the use of a spherical outer surface also tends to minimize the amount of "dead space" on the surface where an article could possibly stall. However, in the normal course of use in conveying relatively large articles, such stalling is unlikely in view of the ability of the assemblies 16 to rotate independently of one another and thus assume a position where engagement with the cap 24 is established (see Figure 5b). To prevent articles being conveyed from catching on a top edge of the side links 12, the caps 24 are preferably sized to project well above this edge, regardless of the orientation of the body 18 (also see Figure 5b).